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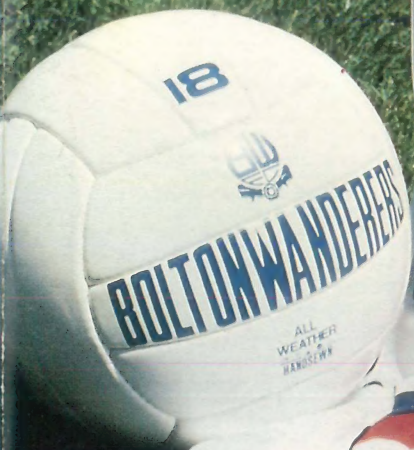
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THE supporters who travelled to Chester on Saturday made their feelings known to me in no uncertain terms. I heard their comments both during and after the game and yes, they were very disappointed—as we all were.

We have had an unfortunate run of results recently, there is no denying that, but the spirit within the club is still good. We have lost some confidence, which is only natural when things aren't going so well, but we are still the same team that played so well and thrilled a large crowd with that excellent performance against Notts County a couple of weeks ago. And the spirit that is still within the club is, I am sure, going to stand us in good stead in these remaining 10 games.

I can assure everyone who has been disappointed over the last few games that we will be going all out to give them something to cheer about over the last 10—both at home and away—beginning tonight against our visitors from Reading.

We still need your support, your vocal backing—probably more now than we did earlier in the season when things were going much better.

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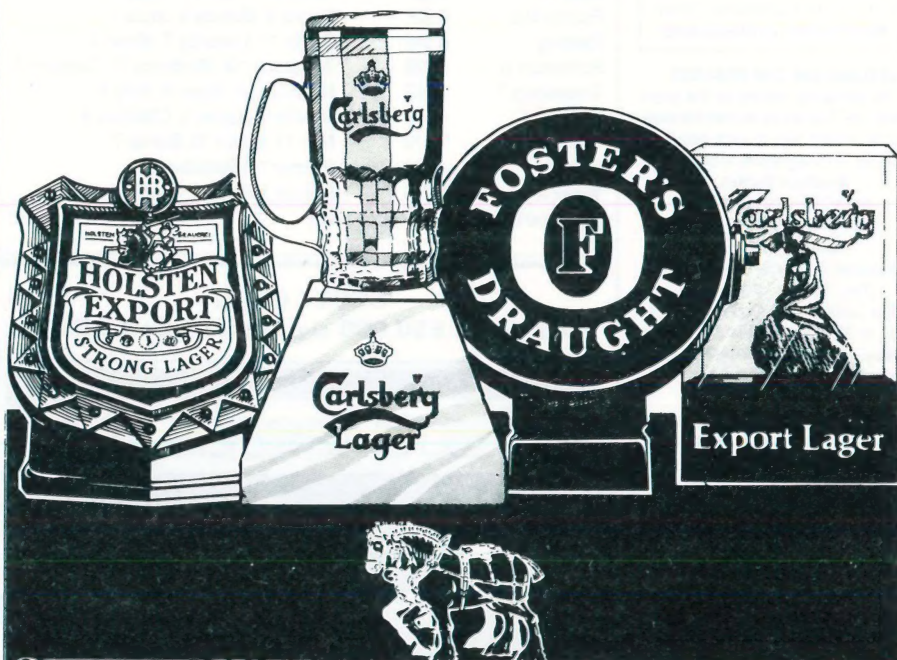
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CONGRATULATIONS to Phil Brown and Steve Thompson who were voted into the P.F.A. Third Division team by their fellow professionals.

LEYLAND DAF CUP FINALISTS

The competing finalists for this year's Leyland DAF Cup will be decided this week when the second legs of each Area-Final are played. (First leg scores in brackets)

Southern Section

Notts C (0) v (1) Bristol R.

[Mon. 2nd April—7.45 p.m.]

Northern Section

Doncaster R. (0) v (2) Tranmere R.

[Tue. 3rd April—7.30 p.m.]

The Leyland DAF Cup Final will be staged at Wembley Stadium on Sunday, 20th May, 1990, kick-off 3.00 p.m. and will be covered live exclusively on Sky T.V.

The following Barclays League games have been confirmed for live T.V. coverage on I.T.V.'s 'The Match':—

April 1st (Sun)

Aston Villa v Man. C. (3.30 p.m.)

April 4th (Wed)

Everton v Notts. Forest (8.05 p.m.)

April 11th (Wed)

Arsenal v Aston Villa (8.05 p.m.)

April 18th (Wed)

Arsenal v Liverpool (8.05 p.m.)

Both F.A. Cup semi-final ties will be shown live on B.B.C. T.V. next Sunday, (April 8th).

Crystal Palace v Liverpool (12.00 p.m.)

Oldham Ath. v Man. Utd. (3.30 p.m.)

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION 3

Avg. Home Att. Top Scorers

1989-90	(League games only)
Birmingham 7,990	Bailey 15, Sturridge 10, Gleghorn 7
Blackpool 4,027	Garner 8, Eyres 6, Richards 4, Madden 4
Bolton W. 7,081	Philliskirk 11, Darby 10, Reeves 10
Brentford 5,778	Holdsworth 19, Blissett 9, May 8
Bristol C. 10,436	Taylor 23, Newman 6, Shelton 6
Bristol R. 5,785	Mehew 13, White 8, Holloway 5, Saunders 5
Bury 3,162	Robinson 16, Hoyland 11, Cunningham 8
Cardiff C. 3,459	Phike 14, Griffith 6, Barnard 5
Chester C. 2,330	Abel 5, Dale 5
Crewe A. 3,883	Sussex 8, Hignett 6, Fishenden 6
Fulham 4,345	Walker 13, Milton 5, Sayer 5
Huddersfield T. 5,968	Maskell 10, Smith 7, Wilson 6
Leyton O. 4,236	Cooper 10, Castle 7, Hull 6
Mansfield T. 3,187	Wilkinson 10, Christie 9, Charles 6
Northampton T. 3,336	Barnes 13, Collins 8, Adcock 3
Notts Co. 5,931	Johnson 11, Lund 7, Yates 6
Preston N.E. 6,220	Harper 9, Mooney 8, Joyce 7
Reading 4,348	Senior 11, Leworthy 7, Moran 7
Rotherham U. 5,828	Williamson 19, Mendonca 11, Goodwin 7
Shrewsbury T. 3,562	McGinlay 14, Moyes 6, Kelly 5
Swansea C. 4,414	Melville 5, Raynor 4, Chalmers 4
Tranmere R. 7,210	Muir 17, Malkin 15, Bishop 7
Walsall 4,160	Rimmer 10, Bertschin 5
Wigan A. 2,715	Hilditch 7, Pilling 6, Daley 6

[Upto and including 31st March 1990]

SCOTT GREEN

Our recent £50,000 signing from Derby County





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FOOTBALL LEAGUE WELCOMES NEW SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION

Following the welcome news for professional football in the Budget, The Football League have since been assessing the significance of the amendment made by the Government of a reduction in the betting duty on football pools.

The Government's decision represents a significant contribution to the cost of transforming League grounds in England, Scotland and Wales into all-seater stadia, as recommended by Lord Justice Taylor. Precisely how big a contribution to the overall cost of implementing Taylor's recommendation is still uncertain however. As the League's Chief Executive, Arthur Sandford, has

pointed out repeatedly in recent weeks, if the underlying thrust of the Taylor Report is to be realised, the cost involved in upgrading stadia will run to several times the £130 million initially estimated for simply installing covered seating at League grounds as they presently exist.

Following the Government's initial response to accept most of the Taylor recommendations, The League has already asked its member clubs how they intend implementing the numerous recommendations contained in the Report.

The conversion of grounds into all-seater stadia is, of course, the most far-reaching proposal recommended by Taylor and so The League has asked clubs to consider this issue at three separate levels—firstly, the basic minimum requirements necessary to accommodate spectators in covered seating; secondly, the ultimate solution they have in mind for an all-seater stadium; and finally the most realistic course of action given the likely financial constraints. Clubs have been asked to supply details of their plans by the end of May, when a more realistic assessment of the likely costs involved will be possible.

This is the first initiative launched by The League's newly formed Taylor Implementation Committee, and is

seen as the initial stage in a major strategy aimed at the realisation of Taylor's recommendations.

Perhaps the most significant development signalled by the announcement by the Chancellor, however, appears to be the change of attitude by the Government towards football. As the League president, William Fox, commented: We recently called for a new spirit of co-operation between the Government and the national game. I am most encouraged that this latest move demonstrates a willingness on the part of the Government to respond along these lines and ensure that the progress being made on the overriding issues of crowd control and spectator safety is maintained."

GOALSCORERS 1989-90 Season

	L	LC	FAC	LDT
Philliskirk	11	5	—	1
Reeves	10	1	—	2
Darby	10	1	—	1
Savage	—	1	—	—
Thompson	5	1	—	—
Cowdrill	3	1	—	—
Storer	3	—	—	1
Crombie	1	—	1	—
Comstive	1	1	—	—
Came	—	2	—	—
Brown	1	1	—	—
Winstanley	1	—	—	—
Henshaw	—	1	—	—
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Brookman	—	—	—	1
Pike	1	—	—	—



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PLAYER PROFILE

STEVE BIRKS



Name: Steve Birks
Place/Date of Birth: Widnes/7.7.73.
Married: No
Children: No
Favourite Other Team: Liverpool
Favourite Away Ground: Anfield
Best Player you have seen in your position: Ian Rush
Best Goal scored and how: Lancashire Cup (School) chipped keeper from 25 yards.
Best Goal seen: Frank Worthington's for Bolton against Ipswich.
Best Sporting

Moment outside

Football:

Beating my brother at badminton.

The

Liveliest

Character

you have met in football:

Steve Thompson

Details of

your First

Match:

Pre-season against Bootle; won 1-0;

scored it!

Your worst moment on the football field: Tearing my knee ligaments.

The funniest incident you have seen on a football pitch: Nicky Bentham making a recovery run.

Your best pal in football: All the lads.

The best and worst dressers among your team mates:

Phil Brown (best)

Nicky Brookman (worst)

Do you have any hobbies: Most sports.

With which sports star would you like to change places for a day?: Mike Tyson

Your favourite newspaper: Star

Your favourite holiday spot:

Benidorm

Biggest risk taken in your life: Going on holiday with Coffey and Edgey.

Happiest moment outside football: Leaving school.



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READING



This evening we extend a warm welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Reading. The Royals have lost only twice in their last 16 League games and will come to Burnden Park full of confidence, hoping to achieve a League double over the Wanderers.

After struggling for consistency in the first half of the season Reading have gained 28 points from those 16 games to climb the table to a comfortable 13th. If they could have begun their run a little sooner and turned

some of their 15 draws this season into wins then a play-off place would have been a distinct possibility. As it is Reading, with 48 points from their 35 games to date, are currently nine points short of the Wanderers and Bury who currently occupy fifth and sixth places. Clearly Reading need to take advantage of their games in hand and win a large proportion of their last 11 games if they are to figure in the promotion reckoning.

Reading will have been disappointed to have dropped two points last Saturday when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Leyton Orient at Elm Park. David Leworthy gave the home side a 27th minute lead but the visitors equalised midway through the second half.

The Reading manager Ian Porterfield will be pleased to see the progress made by the club since he took over from Ian Branfoot last November. The former Rotherham, Sheffield United and Aberdeen boss was number two to Bobby Campbell at Chelsea at the time of his appointment. Porterfield is best remembered, of course, for scoring the winning goal for Sunderland against Leeds in the 1973 FA Cup Final.

Reading's best performance away from home this season was a 6-1 win at Swansea in September when Trevor Senior notched a hat trick. They have also won on their travels at leaders Bristol City (1-0), Huddersfield (1-0) and Fulham (2-1) and have drawn at Crewe, Notts County, Bristol Rovers, Blackpool, Shrewsbury, Walsall and Chester.

In the Littlewoods Cup Reading lost 3-5 on aggregate to Second Division Newcastle in the second round. Their FA Cup campaign also ended on Tyneside when they went down 1-4 in a fourth round replay after a thrilling 3-3 draw in front of Elm Park's largest crowd of the season, 11,989. In earlier rounds Reading beat Bristol

Rovers after two replays, Conference side Welling United after three replays and Second Division Sunderland. Their Leyland DAF challenge was ended in a first round defeat at Brentford. Reading have played 17 cup ties this season, winning 6, losing 3 and drawing 8 and with 23 draws in 52 games are very much one of the pools punters' favourite sides.

Reading League Appearances 1989-90 (Upto and including 24.3.90.)

Bashir 1+2, Beavon 23+3, Conroy 15+6, Francis 34, Friel 1, Gernon 3, Gilkes 29+1, Gooding 15, Hicks 32, Jones 31, Knight 14, Lemon 3, Keworth 13+8, Moran 14, Payne 10+2, Richardson 31, Senior 28, Tait 17+1, Taylor 16+3, Whitlock 10, Williams 7, Wood 26.

SCORERS

League (44):

Senior 11, Moran 7, Leworthy 7, Beavon 3, Hicks 2, Conroy 2, Gooding 2, Tait 2, OG 2, Taylor 1, Gilkes 1, Williams 1, Knight 1, Wood 1, Bashir 1.

Cup (24):

Senior 7, Gilkes 5, Moran 4, Jones 3, Tait 2, Taylor 1, Conroy 1, Beavon 1.

FORM GUIDE (Last Ten League Games)

Preston N.E.	(h)	W	6-0
Swansea C.	(h)	D	1-1
Bristol C.	(a)	W	1-0
Bolton W.	(h)	W	2-0
Bristol R.	(h)	L	0-1
Chester C.	(a)	D	1-1
Blackpool	(h)	D	1-1
Huddersfield T.	(a)	W	1-0
Fulham	(a)	W	2-1
Leyton O.	(h)	D	1-1

Goalkeeper **Steve Francis** was signed from Chelsea for £15,000 in 1987. The 25 year old has proved to be one of the Royals' best ever buys and has been everpresent so far this season, recently making his 100th League appearance for the club.

Linden Jones is a former Cardiff City and Newport County defender who joined Reading for £30,000 in 1987. Last season the former Wales U-21 international was converted to a midfield player. The 29 year old has now played in 376 League games. **Adrian Williams** is an 18 year old defender who came up through the youth ranks, making a handful of League appearances

FACT FILE

Season	Div.	Position	League		Most Apps	Top Scorer
			Lge Cup	FA Cup		
1984-85	3	9th	1	3	Wood 46, Beavon 46	Senior 22
1985-86	3	1st	1	4	Westwood 46, Wood 46, Senior 46	Senior 27
1986-87	2	13th	2	3	Beavon 42, Bremner 42, Senior 42	Senior 17
1987-88	2	22nd	4	3	Hicks 44	Gordon 8
1988-89	3	18th	2	4	Gilkes 46	Senior 16



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last season. This term he has again made the starting line up on several occasions. **Steve Richardson** is a versatile and speedy full back who was singled from Southampton. Now in his sixth season at Elm Park, the 28 year old has made 284 League appearances, all of them for the Royals. **Martin Hicks**, who scored Reading's goal in their 1-1 draw at Burnden last season, is the club captain. A £13,000 signing from Charlton in 1978, the 33 year old defender has been a marvellous servant to the Royals and is only a handful of games short of 450 League appearances for the club.

Keith Knight is a 21 year old midfield player who was signed from Conference club Cheltenham last season. He made an immediate impact with seven goals in 29 games though he has featured less so far this season. **Darren Wood** is a tall central defender who was signed from Chesterfield for £50,000 in the close season. The Derby born 21 year old is approaching 100 League appearances. 24 year old Glasgow born **Mike Conroy** was signed last season from St. Mirren. The former Clydebank forward has been a regular member of Reading's side in recent weeks. **Mick Gooding** was a £65,000 signing from Wolves in December. The highly respected Newcastle born 31 year old midfielder played formerly for Rotherham (in two spells), Chesterfield and Peterborough and has been a leading figure in Reading's fine form since the turn of the year. A veteran of over 350 League games with an impressive striking rate for a midfielder, he was one of Reading's scorers against Bolton at Elm Park last month.



Back Row (left to right): Lew Chatterley (Asst.Man.), Lee Payne, Mark Whitlock, Adrian Williams, Trevor Senior, Steve Francis, Martin Hicks, Mike Conroy, Darren Wood, Mick Tait, John Haselden (Physio).

Front Row: Linden Jones, Steve Moran, Dave Leworthy, Michael Gilkes, Ian Porterfield (Manager), Steve Richardson, Stuart Beavon, Keith Knight, Scott Taylor.

Mick Tait is a veteran 33 year old midfielder who has fought his way back into the side after missing the start of the season due to injury. Formerly with Oxford, Carlisle, Hull and Portsmouth he is now in his third season at Elm Park and has so far scored 84 goals in his 533 League game career.

David Leworthy joined the club on a free transfer from Oxford during the summer. Formerly with hometown Portsmouth and Spurs, the 27 year old striker has recently had a run in the side due to **Trevor Senior's** injury and has been among the goals. Senior, one of the most feared and respected strikers in the game, is currently sidelined due to a bad throat injury sustained in Reading's 1-0 win at Bristol City in February. Now in his second spell at Elm Park, the 28 year old Senior has scored 141 goals in 284 League games, 129 of them in Reading's colours. He has also played for Portsmouth, Aldershot (loan), Watford and Middlesbrough and is Reading's leading scorer this season with 18 goals.

Steve Moran is the club's record buy, at £250,000 from Leicester City. The 29 year old Croydon born striker scored 78 goals in 180 games for his first club Southampton and has a career tally of 110 goals in 300 League games. **Scott Taylor** is a 19 year old midfielder player who made his first team

debut last season. He has figured regularly in Reading's side so far this campaign. **Michael Gilkes** is a talented left sided forward with stunning pace. 24 year old and Hackney born, he is nearing 150 League appearances for his only League club. Gilkes has scored only one League goal this season but notched five in the cup, including a hat-trick in the Littlewoods Cup win at Bristol City in August. **Stuart Beavon** is a 31 year old Wolverhampton born midfielder player in his testimonial season at Elm Park. Formerly with Spurs, he joined Reading for £40,000 and has repaid the fee many times over, making nearly 400 League appearances (44 goals) for the Royals. **Lee Payne** is a 23 year old Luton born midfielder who joined the club from Newcastle. Formerly with Conference side Barnet he is a fine crosser of the ball. **Naseem Bashir** is a 20 year old Amersham born midfield player who has made his League bow with a handful of appearances this season.

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MATCH REPORT

BOLTON, Bolton—give us a goal, that's the call from the faithful supporters. Wanderers are suffering their leanest spell of the season having failed to hit the back of the net in 450 minutes of football, the last five games.

Every team goes through this experience during the course of an arduous season but when it happens at this stage of the campaign customers become a little nervous. The fact is that other promotion candidates have been inconsistent and fortunately not too much damage has been done.

Neighbours **BURY** suffered similar fate during the January—February period and looked to have slipped out of the promotion chase but they have rallied round to claw their way back into the top six frame.

But football is a funny game and with 10 games remaining Phil Neal's men have time to put things right, there's still a possible 30 points to be won.

In the past, games against **CHESTER** have always proved to be difficult encounters and last Saturday's all ticket affair at Sealand Road was no exception. It was during the 'weighing up period' that Chester took up the running. A hopeful lob toward the Bolton target was nodded on and poor Barry Cowdrill in attempting to clear could only help the ball into his own goal to give Chester an 8th minute lead. When Carl Dale added a second in the 24th minute, Harry McNally's men were on the way to an important three points as they edge to a safety League spot.

Leaders **BRISTOL CITY** looked to have a relatively easy home clash with lowly **MANSFIELD**. But it took an 87th minute leveller from leading marksman Bob Taylor after Mark Kearney had given Mansfield a shock advantage at Ashton Gate.

Third placed **BRISTOL ROVERS** went behind at **NORTHAMPTON** in the 62nd minute, but a Christian McLean equaliser a quarter of an hour later looked to have earned a satisfactory away point but a last gasp winner secured all three points. Tempers frayed here where the 'Cobblers' Warren Donald and Rovers Andy Reece were dismissed for fighting.

When **ROTHERHAM** visited Burnden recently they looked to be in very confident mood, but they too have suffered indifferent results of late and unfashionable **CREWE** improved their League position after a fine 3-1 win at Millmoor last Saturday.

The 'Railwaymen's' recent surge leaves them in a position where any one of ten teams can qualify for a possible play off spot.

BURY had the opportunity to improve their status against **FULHAM** at Gigg Lane but home advantage once again let down the 'Shakers' as the stubborn visitors forced a scoreless draw in an apparent dull encounter, Frank Gray's **LEYTON ORIENT**, seeking to secure a League position clear of the relegation zone forced a creditable 1-1 draw at **READING**.

A BRIEF LOOK AROUND THE TOP FLIGHTS

LIVERPOOL won back the leadership of the **FIRST DIVISION** after narrowly overcoming **SOUTHAMPTON** 3-2 at Anfield. **MANCHESTER CITY** forced a brilliant 2-1 away win against high flying **ASTON VILLA**. It was Peter Reid who scored the all important decider. **ARSENAL** picked up maximum points from their 1-0 victory over **EVERTON** at Highbury as the chase heats up on Liverpool.

At the bottom, will **CHARLTON** make their traditional 'escape'? Well they are trying after defeating **Q.P.R.** 1-0.

In the **SECOND DIVISION** the 'Blades' of **SHEFFIELD UNITED** are steadily closing the gap of leaders **LEEDS**. The men from Elland Road were ten points clear a few weeks ago but steady form has seen **SHEFFIELD** narrow the gap to four points.

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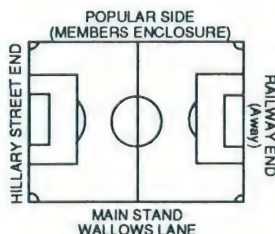
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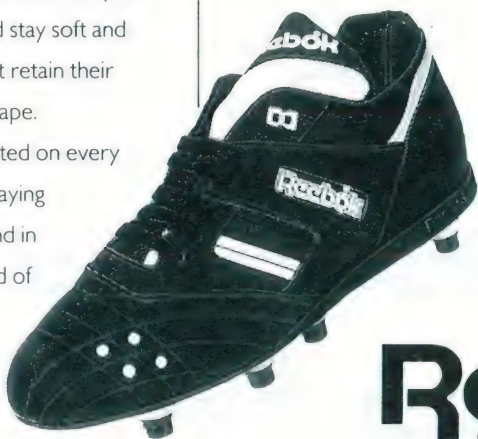
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LOOKING BACK

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FRANK ROBERTS
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1893—The Wanderers wound up their League season with a visit to Everton where they went down to three second half goals. The result brought to an end a run of six consecutive wins that lifted the club to a final placing of fifth.

1896—A Good Friday crowd of 5000 saw the Wanderers defeat Sheffield United 4-1 at Burnden with goals from Alex Paton, Bob Tannahill, Bob Jack and David Nicoll.

1909—The seventh consecutive League victory was recorded against Glossop North End at Burnden as the Wanderers chased the Second Division championship. John Owen scored both goals.

1915—League form took a turn for the worse after an F.A. Cup semi final exit against Sheffield United. Tottenham ran out 4-2 winners at White Hart Lane, reversing the scores of the game at Burnden, Joe Smith scoring both Wanderers goals.

1920—A Frank Roberts goal gave Bolton a point from a 1-1 draw with Manchester United at Old Trafford.

1926—A last minute goal from Ted Vizard saved the Wanderers from defeat at home to Tottenham when a 1-1 draw resulted. Goalkeeper Dick Pym missed his first game of the season through injury,

his understudy, ex Little Lever player Billy Yates, was given his League debut.

1953—Sunderland were handed a Good Friday hammering by the Wanderers who hit five without reply at Burnden. Nat Lofthouse hit a hat trick, one goal coming from the penalty spot, Bobby Langton and Tom Neill getting the others.

1954—Goals from Willie Moir, Harold Hassall and Nat Lofthouse helped the Wanderers to a 3-1 home success over Arsenal.

1961—A hat trick from Irish international centre forward Billy McAdams ended Bolton's run of four games without a win as they defeated Aston Villa 3-0 at Burnden.

1971—The Wanderers slumped to a 4-0 defeat at Queens Park Rangers and their tenth game without a win. This was the last game in charge for Jimmy Meadows who left the club three days later.

1979—Everton were defeated 3-1 at Burnden during the club's best spell of the season. Willie Morgan, Neil Whatmore and Paul Jones were on target.

1982—A Chris Thompson goal gave Bolton a point from a 1-1 draw with Shrewsbury Town and ended a run of four consecutive defeats.



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Bolton 0
Crewe 0



ABOVE LEFT: Julian Darby smacks the ball towards the Crewe goal.

BELOW LEFT: Steve Thompson chases Crewe's Steve Walters.

ABOVE RIGHT: Tony Philliskirk swivels spectacularly as he volleys the ball towards the Crewe goal only to watch his effort go agonisingly over the bar.

BELOW RIGHT: Crewe's Dale Jasper nearly puts the ball into his own net with this backward header from a Bolton corner.



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**"It was a timely
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So what price now for England and Scotland at the World Cup Finals in Italy after last weeks fine victories over South American giants Brazil and Argentina? With the media continually writing off the chances of the home countries it was satisfying not only for the fans but also the managers Bobby Robson and Andy Roxburgh who with the finals only a couple of months away were given an extra dose of confidence by the players who they had put their faith in.

Admittedly England did use three goalkeepers during the ninety minutes and rumours have it that Brian Clough was so impressed with Stuart Pearce's save that if Forest 'keeper Steve Sutton puts a foot wrong then the tackling left back could find himself between the posts at the City ground. It was also good to see Gary Lineker refinding his goal touch at International level when he joined our very own Nat Lofthouse on the 30 goal total but it was hard to distinguish whether he got more pleasure out of scoring the winning goal or drawing out his old pal Willie Thorne on the BBC Sportsnight programme when he did the honours for the draw at the World Championship Snooker Finals commencing later this month.

Joking apart, it was a timely boost for both nations with goalkeeper Chris Woods

doing himself no harm when he was thrust into the action after Peter Shilton's cut head meant he had to go off for stitches, the Rangers 'keeper made a couple of timely saves and proved that he could be a vital member of England's squad come June.

Tonight's game against Reading gives us the opportunity to even the score after the Royals inflicted a 2-0 defeat on us last month. It was a poor display that day so hopefully we can return to something like true form on their visit to Burnden. Ian Porterfield has certainly put new life into the side since taking over in November and since then he has seen his side gradually move up to the top half of the table taking some notable scalps along the way, including Bristol City at Ashton Gate.

On Saturday we entertain Preston in what is a crucial game to both sides. Nobody needs reminding about our position and North End are currently fighting for Third Division survival so with points at a premium it could prove to be vital for either side. At this stage last season Tony Philliskirk and John Thomas were leading the attacks for Preston and Bolton respectively but with situations reversed it will be interesting to see who comes out on top, that is of course, if they are both playing, with J.T. recently being sidelined with injury.

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	30	Stoke C.	H	3-4
Sep.	6	West Bromwich A.	A	1-5
	13	York City	H	2-3
	19	Burnley	A	1-0
	20	Littlewoods Cup 2/1L		
	27	Blackpool	H	0-1
Oct.	2	Mansfield T.	A	4-2
	4	Littlewoods Cup 2/2L		
	11	Preston N.E.	H	0-0
	18	Port Vale	A	1-1
	25	Wolverhampton W.	H	1-2
Nov.	8	Wigan Ath.	H	P
	15	Sunderland	A	2-3
	22	Scunthorpe Utd.	A	1-3
	29	Barnsley	H	1-0
Dec.	5	Grimsby T.	A	P
	13	Middlesborough	H	1-4
	19	Rotherham Utd.	A	P
Jan.	3	Stoke City	A	3-4
	10	Sheffield W.	H	2-4
	17	York City	A	1-1
	24	West Brom. Albion	H	P
	31	Burnley	H	P
Feb.	7	Blackpool	A	3-1
	12	Preston N.E.	A	
	14	Littlewoods Cup SF/1L		
	21	Mansfield T.	H	
	28	Barnsley	A	
Mar.	5	Port Vale	H	
	14	Scunthorpe Utd.	H	
	28	Wolverhampton W.	A	
Apr.	4	Grimsby T.	H	
	10	Middlesborough	A	
	18	Rotherham Utd.	H	
	30	Wigan Ath.	A	
May	2	Sunderland	H	

14th March, 1990.

Bolton Wanderers 1

Scunthorpe United . . . 0

A goal from Ian Stevens, who was starting his first reserve game for over two months, proved decisive against promotion hopefuls Scunthorpe United at Burnden.

The Wanderers were without the injured Robbie Savage and Paul Hughes from the team that drew at Rotherham two nights earlier whilst Gareth Gray took over in goal from Kevin Rose.

Bolton should have opened their account in the first minute when Mike Jeffrey got behind the United defence to cross for Neil Fisher, who failed to find the finishing touch with an open goal in front of him.

United keeper Steven Thatcher did well to block a Neil Fisher effort in the 34th minute, the rebound falling to Ian Stevens who saw his shot cleared off the line.

The winning goal came in the opening minute of the second half when Mike Jeffrey headed on a left wing cross that found Ian Stevens running in to nod the ball into an empty net for his fiftieth Central League goal for the Wanderers.

Minutes later the two front runners again combined to get behind the visitors defence which culminated in Stevens setting up Neil Fisher to shoot wide from 15 yards.

Fisher was a continual problem to United with a number of exciting runs down the left wing but despite their dominance the Wanderers couldn't increase their lead.



IAN STEVENS
Scorer of winning goal.

TEAMS

Bolton: Gray, Roberts, Neal, Spooner, Stubbs, Crombie, Henshaw, Brookman, Jeffrey, Stevens, Fisher. Subs: Birks for Spooner, Bentham.

Scunthorpe: Thatcher, Alexander, Carrick, Taylor, Nicol, Stevenson, Hodgkinson, McGlinchey, Cotton, Cox, Marshal. Subs: Moore, Hall.



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

PAUL MARINER *Ipswich, Arsenal and England*



When we caught up with Paul Mariner at his Suffolk home he expressed his delight at being considered for this column.

"I am an out and out Lancashire lad" he revealed, "and lived in Horwich in my formative years." Paul was spotted playing non league soccer for Chorley and signed up with Plymouth Argyle. He said "I was really disappointed at not being spotted by a northern club because I was besotted by Bolton and really Plymouth was a place to go for your holidays."

So Paul gave up his job at Metal Box and moved south. After 2½ years with the Pilgrims he joined Ipswich in 1973 for £250,000 and served under Bobby Robson. "As a manager Bobby was spot on", he said, "and it was always on the cards that he would become England manager. He was tailor-made for the job and he's done a good job for England."

At Ipswich Paul was a member of the 1978 F.A. Cup winning side, won a U.E.F.A. Cup medal in 1981 but missed out on a League Championship medal on three occasions after finishing runners-up.

He was transferred to Arsenal for £150,000 in 1976. Paul admitted, "I was lucky to get the chance to join such a great club at the age of 31." Paul Mariner won 35

England caps and was a member of the 1982 World Cup squad in Spain. "During my eight years with the England set up I've had some great times and played with them all, Francis, Keegan, Woodcock, Channon and Phil Neal. I knocked Joe Royle out of the England team", he revealed.

What price would those names bring on the transfer market today?

It was at the age of 35 that Paul decided that he was to finish his English league career. "I had helped Portsmouth win promotion to the First Division and wanted to finish with my reputation in tact. I started playing for a Malta team at weekends and jetted across. Paul O'Berg of Tino's Travel in Bolton was also a team member."

After spending last summer in America, Paul has secured his first player/coach post with Albany Capitals. "I fly out to the States on Friday with all my family" he revealed. When asked if he still has an interest in League football Paul replied, "I watch Ipswich now and again and occasionally watch Trevor Morgan at Colchester. Tell the fans back in Bolton that he's doing alright. When I visit my parents I call in at Bolton to see Phil Neal."

Once a Northerner, always a Northerner, and Paul maybe off to the States but don't be surprised if one day he makes his way back.

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**"Both goals came
within the space of
seven minutes"**

*Photo: Gary Henshaw scores
in last seasons encounter with
Reading at Burnden.*

The Wanderers have found Reading tough opponents in previous League meetings with only one victory and only one clean sheet kept.

This came in March 1986 at Burnden when Bolton ran out 2-0 winners against the then run away Third Division leaders.

Both goals came within the space of seven minutes, the first from a Tony Caldwell penalty kick after the on loan Stuart Ripley had been brought down. Warren Joyce got the second goal in the 65th minute with a looping header past Gary Westwood.

The first League encounter between the clubs took place at Elm Park in October 1984 with the home side winning 3-1. Trevor Senior and Dean Horrix put Reading in the driving seat before Jeff Chandler pulled a goal back with a brilliant individual effort seven minutes from the interval. It wasn't until four

minutes from time that Reading made sure of the points with a goal from Colin Duncan.

Reading completed the double that season with a 2-1 win at Burnden sending the Wanderers to their seventh successive defeat. All the goals came in the first half, Dean Horrix hitting two in a nine minute spell before Tony Caldwell reduced the arrears for Bolton.

The Wanderers became Reading's eleventh victims, who went into the record books, joining Spurs as the best winning sequence to start a season, a Steve Wood goal separating the sides in October 1986.

Both games during 1988/89 ended in 1-1 draws. At Elm Park John Thomas put the Wanderers in front only to see a hopeful 35 yard shot from Billy Whitehurst level the scores ten minutes from time. At Burnden Gary Henshaw fired the Wanderers in front ten minutes after the interval but Martin Hicks struck for the visitors in the 75th minute.

Last month the Wanderers were caught up again from long range at Elm Park when Mick Tait rattled home a quickly taken 35 yard free kick in the 21st minute. Mick Gooding hit a second in the 57th minute but the Wanderers were denied a late penalty when Steve Thompson was sent sprawling.

Our overall League record against Reading is as follows:-

	P	I	W	D	L	F	A
Home	3	1	1	1	4	3	
Away	4	0	1	3	2	7	
Total	7	1	2	4	6	10	

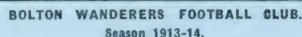




Another departure from Burnden was that of Billy Hughes, to Wolves, having failed to command a first team place in the 'new look' Bolton side. Hughes had scored 51 goals in 100 appearances for the

Five games during December didn't produce a win. The rot started with a 3-2 defeat at Sunderland after being two up

F.A. Cup progress was also made with home wins





over Port Vale and Swindon. A crowd of 50558 saw the Wanderers beat the Wiltshire side 4-2 thanks to a Joe Smith hat trick, the visitors topping the Southern League at the time. Interest in the cup ended in the 3rd round when Burnley won at Burnden.

Another player who was to be a star of the 1920's made his debut at this time. James Seddon, who had been signed from Hamilton Central, made his bow in a 1-1 home draw with Middlesbrough, their goal coming from a dubious hand ball decision against the debutant.

The Wanderers kept up their title challenge and at the end of March were 3rd in the table, six points behind Blackburn. The crunch match came on the 4th April when the Wanderers visited Blackburn but they were without Joe

SEASON 1913/14

Team Photo

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Bolton Wanderers F.C.

Back Row

Gimblett, Jennings, Baverstock,
Tyldesley, Edmondson,
Thomas, Greenhalgh, Feebury.

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Cooke, Slater, Glendenning,
Fay, Rowley, Bullough,
Whiteside, Baverstock, Hughes,
Sankey (Asst. Trainer)

Front Row

Stott, Donaldson, Hilton, Weir,
Jones, Lillycrop, Smith, Vizard,
Westwood, Stokes.

Smith and Alec Donaldson who were playing in the England v Scotland International in Glasgow.

Debuts were given to goalkeeper Eric Sidlow, Edmondson being injured, and to winger Alex Lockhart. Things seemed to be going well when the Wanderers were 2-1 up after 77 minutes but they eventually went down 3-2 and the club were now fighting for the runners-up spot.

Only one win in the final five games saw the club slip into a final position of 6th the defeat at Ewood being akin to losing a cup final.

Four goalkeepers were used during the season with neither John Baverstock nor James Tyldesley satisfying the management. John Edmondson took over until the Ewood Park engagement when young Eric Sidlow, who was discovered around Christmas playing for Wharton Presbyterians, took over. He played in the final six games although was only once on the winning side.

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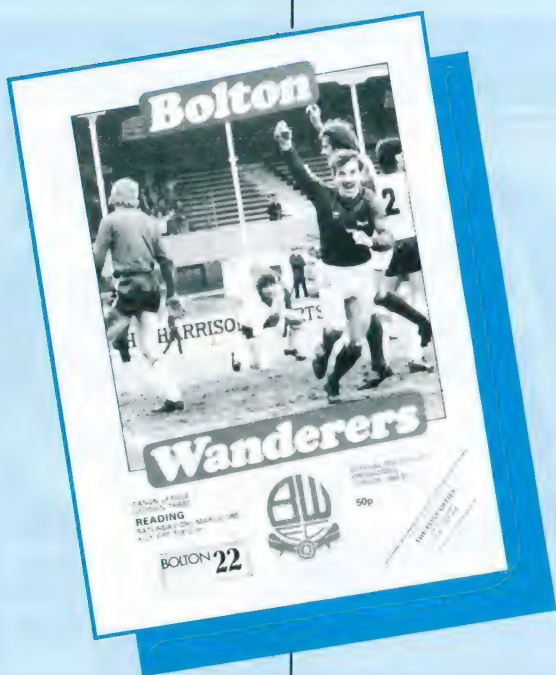
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Last Tuesday we made the long journey down to the East End of London when we played Leyton Orient. The programme issued was the programme printed for the original match which was postponed back at the start of February.

Cover price was 70p which is by far the cheapest of the London clubs but because a new programme was not produced on the night, a team sheet was inserted inside the original issue and sold for 50p.

A 28-page programme was produced by Leyton with quite an attractive design and layout in which the cover picture was very colourful. Contents of note within the issue were 'Past Encounters' a review of the two clubs meeting through the years, 'Where are they now'—quite original one—but still interesting and 'Around the League' which must have been beneficial to the O's supporters.

The coverage of the Wanderers was quite basic with just the team photo and pen pics reproduced but overall even though the programme is pretty ordinary you've got to give Leyton Orient a pat on the back for keeping their programme price down to a realistic level while the rest of the London clubs all seem to want at least a £1 each.





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Tramplers	37	13	3	1	46	16	8	3	3	8	26	20	69
Bristol R	35	11	7	0	34	12	8	5	4	17	13	69	
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Bolton	36	9	5	3	23	14	6	7	6	25	23	57	
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Rotherham	37	11	4	4	44	25	4	6	8	19	26	55	
Crowe	37	8	7	4	24	18	5	5	8	5	20	17	54
Huddersfield	36	9	3	6	21	16	6	6	6	25	26	54	
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Wigan	37	8	5	5	24	15	3	8	6	17	33	49	
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Cardiff	37	4	8	6	21	26	5	5	9	18	28	40	
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BOLTON WANDERERS v PRESTON NORTH END
Barclays League
Saturday, 7th April, 1990 • Kick-Off 3.00 p.m.

RESERVES v GRIMSBY TOWN

Pontins League
Wednesday, 4th April, 1990. • Kick-Off 7.00 p.m.



BOLTON WANDERERS
White Shirts/Blue Shorts

- 1 Dave FELGATE
- 2 Phil BROWN
- 3 Barry COWDRILL
- 4 Paul COMSTIVE
- 5 Dean CROMBIE
- 6 Mark WINSTANLEY
- 7 Stuart STORER
- 8 Steve THOMPSON
- 9 David REEVES
- 10 Tony PHILLISKIRK
- 11 Julian DARBY
- 12
- 14

TODAYS LINE UP

READING
Yellow Shirts/Blue Shorts

- 1 Steve FRANCIS
- 2 Linden JONES
- 3 Steve RICHARDSON
- 4 Darren WOOD
- 5 Martin HICKS
- 6 Michael CONROY
- 7 Michael GOODING
- 8 Michael TAIT
- 9 David LEWORTHY
- 10 Michael GILKES
- 11 Stuart BEVON
- 12
- 14

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